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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: EAID, EFIN, ADB
SUBJECT: ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK (ADB) ANNUAL MEETING

REF: STATE 53964

1. MINISTER FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION EGON BAHR
WILL HEAD FRG DELEGATION TO ADB ANNUAL MEETING.
HE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY FINANCE MIN DEPUTY ASST.
SECRETARY HARTIG, OSTERHAUS (REGIONAL BANK DESK
OFFICER IN ECONCOOPMIN), AND AN OFFICIAL FROM
BUNDESBANK.

2. IF IMPLEMENTING LEGISLATION IS COMPLETED IN
TIME, BAHR WILL ANNOUNCE THE SELECTIVE INCREASE
IN FRG PARTICIPATION IN THE BANK'S CAPITAL TO 5
PERCENT. ACCORDING TO SCHULZ IN ECONCOOPMIN, THIS
INCREASE WILL PERMIT GERMANS TO ACHIEVE IMPORTANT
GOAL OF HAVING CONTINUOUS REPRESENTATION ON BOARD OF
DIRECTORS, EITHER AT DIRECTOR OR ALTERNATE LEVEL.
FRG, WHICH NOW SHARES SEAT WITH UK AND AUSTRIA, WILL
WANT TO CONTINUE SHARING THIS SEAT WITH UK. SCHULZ
SAID THAT FRG DOES NOT WANT TO PUSH THE AUSTRIANS
OUT, BUT IS NOT QUITE SURE HOW THIS QUESTION WILL
BE RESOLVED.

3. SCHULZ STATED THAT THE FRG REMAINS INTERESTED
IN RELATIONSHIP OF THE INDOCHINA COUNTRIES TO THE
ADB. WHILE PRESENT GOVERNMENTS OF THESE COUNTRIES
HAVE NOT SHOWN INTEREST IN ACTIVE PARTICIPATION, THE
FRG WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE DOOR KEPT OPEN. ADB WOULD
THUS PLAY ROLE OF POTENTIAL WINDOW TO THE WEST FOR
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INDOCHINA. BAHR MAY WELL ALLUDE IN GENERAL TERMS
TO THIS GOAL IN HIS SPEECH, BUT WILL NOT MAKE THIS
A MAJOR POINT. IT IS MORE LIKELY THAT HE WILL TAKE
UP THIS ISSUE IN CORRIDORS WITH BANK OFFICIALS AND
OTHER DELEGATIONS INCLUDING U.S.
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